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Applicants: Ahmed, Sajid  
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Serial No.: 09/757,015  
For: ALTERNATIVE RANKING ACCORDING TO EXPERT-ASSIGNED BIAS  
VALUES (previously SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DECISION MAKING)  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 16 June 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 16 December 2004. A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: